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The Town and Port of Telnovsk

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1. The population of Telnovsk (N 49-24, E 142-06) was believed to be 4,000.

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2. Over 50 laborers were employed in the Coal Distributing Agency (see 1, sketch No. 1, page 4'), which handled such matters in the shipment of coal as weighing and assigning barges and laborers. Quotations from Stalin and Lenin were printed on the gates of the agency exhorting workers to increase production. All the laborers observed in Telnovsk, except the two Koreans in the restaurant and a Korean about 22 or 23 years old, were Soviets. Most were poorly dressed.

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A skilled hand-lathe operator earned 3,000 rubles a month.

3. the general store (2), it was full of merchandise.

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4. A restaurant (3) in Telnovsk had 12 or 13 tables, each of which could seat four. The restaurant was filled during mealtimes. The cashier of the restaurant, a Korean, earned about 1,400 rubles a month. One of the waitresses was also a Korean. The menu listed 20 dishes. A meal for four, consisting of four bottles of vodka, one bottle of Azerbaydzhan wine, crab meat, fish in tomato sauce, cutlets, high-quality boiled rice similar to Japanese rice, bread, and coffee cost approximately 300 rubles.

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5. The warehouse (4) in Telnovsk, large enough to hold ship cargoes, was the largest building. Thirty tons of scrap iron (5) were located west of the warehouse. The lumber yard (6) seemed to handle a good deal of lumber.

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6. The main road through the town, which leads to the cemetery, was wide enough for truck traffic. It was difficult to travel on it in rainy weather. The road from the warehouse to the main road was covered with wooden planks.

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7. A soldier armed with a submachine gun was stationed at the boat landing.
8. The cemetery, with about 100 graves marked with crosses three or four years old, was located on a slight elevation about two km from the docks.
9. There was a four-year primary school and a seven-year middle school in Telnovsk. A person was considered an adult at 16 and could choose his own profession.
10. Loading facilities in the harbor consisted of seven 70-ton lighters, which, when assisted by two launches, could load 3,000 tons. Loading was slow because the hatches of five of the lighters were too high, and because the crane motors took seven hours to be repaired. Each barge was manned by a crew of two, and two laborers were assigned to each barge. All laborers were Soviets. Three Soviet shipping agents alternated in handling port transactions.
11. The 3,500-ton Soviet freighter SHEKSNA was observed loading coal. Loading operations were carried on despite rain and high waves. The SHEKSNA had four hatches, and two life belts (sic) were attached to the stern. The ship departed for Vladivostok on 275 July 1954. The 3,500-ton freighter IVAN TURGENEV (see sketch No. 2, page 5) from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy (N 53-01, E 158-39) in Khabarovsk Krai anchored in Telnovsk on 29 July 1954 to take on a load of coal. The YELTON was due to arrive from Sovetskaya Gavan (N 48-58, E 140-18) in Primorskiy Krai in the near future.

Personalities in Telnovsk

12. The following Soviets were in Telnovsk in July 1954:

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- a. Bezhenkov (fnu): a [redacted]
- b. Belkovich (fnu): [redacted]
- c. Piguzov (fnu): One of the shipping agents, [redacted]
- d. Sablin (fnu): A representative of Inplot, [redacted]
- e. Rudin (fnu): A customs official, [redacted]
- f. Dumenko (fnu): The harbor master in 1953 [redacted]
- g. Romanov (fnu): A shipping agent.
- h. Sanikov (fnu): A shipping agent.

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13. The quarantine officer was a woman doctor about 30 years of age.

14. A woman doctor was located in Telnovsk.³

1.  Comment: This is probably the mining settlement of Oktyabrskiy (N 40-43, E 142-06), under the administration of Aleksandrovsk-Sakhalinskiy City Soviet, in Sakhalin Oblast.

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2.  Comment: This is possibly a reference to the Moscow Institute of Eastern Studies, under the Chief Directorate of Universities, of the USSR Ministry of Higher Education.

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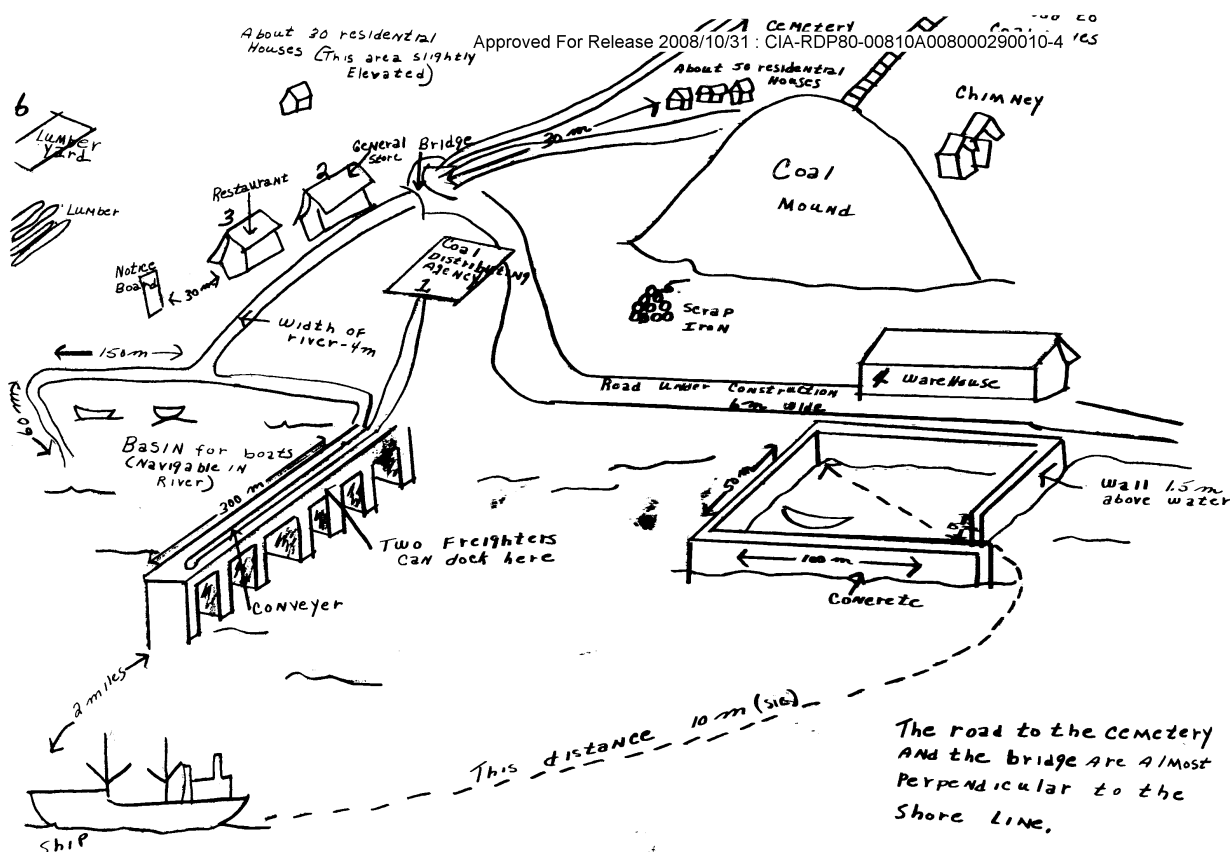
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3.  Comment:  this woman doctor was also the quarantine officer.

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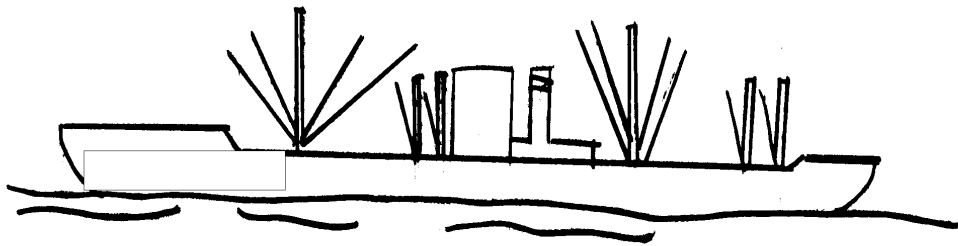
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Sketch No. 2

Freighter IVAN TURGENEV



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